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Honorable Romano L. Mazzoli  
Subcommittee on Monopolies and  
Commercial Law  
Committee on the Judiciary  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Mazzoli:

This is in reference to your letter of 13 May 1976 to Mr. George Cary requesting a Top Secret security clearance for Mr. T. Michael Nevens, a member of your personal staff, for access to CIA information in connection with a study of the relationship of the oil industry with the OPEC cartel being conducted by the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Monopolies and Commercial Law. Chairman Peter W. Rodino, by letter of 11 May 1976 to Mr. Cary, requested clearances on three Subcommittee staff personnel for the same purpose.

In accordance with the discussion, on 26 May 1976, between Mr. Earl Dudley and Mr. Kenneth Starling of the Committee staff and [redacted] of our office, it was agreed that the security clearances requested would be processed by the Judiciary Committee with the FBI in accordance with established Committee procedures rather than by the Agency, since the nature and extent of Agency information required for the study is not known at this time. When CIA information is identified or believed available in the course of the study, Mr. Dudley or Mr. Starling will contact Mr. [redacted] for assistance.

As requested by Mr. Dudley, the security clearance processing forms of Subcommittee staff personnel were returned to him. Accordingly, we are returning herewith the forms for Mr. Nevens which you provided.

We trust that the arrangement made is satisfactory.

Sincerely,

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Acting Legislative Counsel

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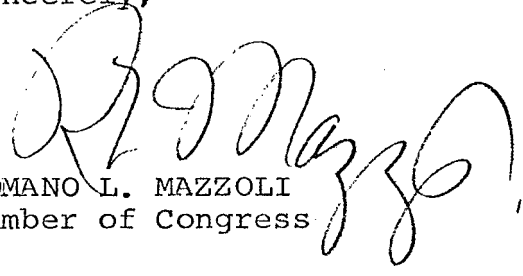
Dear Mr. Cary:

The Subcommittee on Monopolies and Commercial Law of the Committee on the Judiciary is currently involved in a study of joint ventures in the petroleum industry. The vertical divestiture effort by the Senate rests to a large extent on the argument that the companies substantially aid in holding the OPEC cartel together. In order for the Subcommittee to explore this matter, it will be necessary to examine records, reports and communications of both the Department of State and the Central Intelligence Agency and these records, I understand, have varying levels of security classification.

Your agency, as well as the State Department, has advised that top secret clearance will be needed to insure access to the appropriate records. Therefore, as a member of the Subcommittee on Monopolies and Commercial Law I request that top secret clearance for this purpose be granted to T. Michael Nevens of my staff.

Your assistance and cooperation in this matter will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

  
ROMANO L. MAZZOLI  
Member of Congress

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